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SAPD Officer Involved Shooting

A preliminary investigation pertaining to an officer involved shooting reveals the following:

On March 8th, 2010 two officers were at the Exxon gas station on the corner of Roosevelt and Military Dr. One of the officers entered the store while the other remained outside. The officer who remained outside was approached by an elderly male who advised that he was being harassed by three young males. The officer walked over to the three suspects in an attempt to quell the disturbance but was immediately attacked by two of them. The officer was attempting to restrain one of the suspects when the other two fled the scene in the suspect vehicle. A short time later, the second suspect returned to the gas station and drove at a civilian who was assisting the officer with the first suspect. The second officer who was in the store exited at this time and observed the second suspect strike the civilian with the suspect vehicle. As the suspect vehicle circled the lot, the second officer ordered the suspect out of his vehicle. The suspect then sped toward the officer. The officer ran away and was unable to find cover. The officer was subsequently struck by the suspect vehicle and knocked to the ground. As the officer was struck by the suspect vehicle, he fired his duty weapon at the vehicle. The suspect vehicle struck a parked truck and then backed up toward the officer who was incapacitated on the ground. The officer fired his weapon again at the suspect. The suspect vehicle then collided with another vehicle and came to rest approximately 20 yards away. The suspect was struck in the elbow by the officer's gunfire. Both officers, the civilian, and suspect struck by gunfire were all transported to local hospitals with non life threatening injuries. The driver of the suspect vehicle will be charged with two counts of attempted capital murder. The second suspect will be charged with aggravated assault. The third suspect has been located and charges are pending at this time.

The shooting team is currently investigating the incident. As per department protocol Officer Michael McFarland, a 10 year veteran of the department who discharged his weapon, will be placed on administrative duty.

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